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Media Release

Re: Counterfeit US \$100.00 bills

The Auburn Police Department is currently conducting an investigation into the passing of counterfeit US \$100.00 bills, serial number LI65350494A. With the assistance of the US Secret Service it has been determined that numerous counterfeit \$100 bills, with the same serial number, have also been passed in the Central NY area, to include Rochester, Greece, Syracuse, and Auburn. There are no known suspects at this time, however the investigation is continuing.

The Auburn Police Department is asking that banks, businesses, and consumers be on the lookout for this particular counterfeit \$100.00 bill, and any other US Currency which by its nature appears to be counterfeit. If you encounter a suspicious or counterfeit piece of currency please retain the currency, get a description of the person(s) passing it, and contact your local law enforcement agency.

The Auburn Police Department offers these simple reminders and helpful hints to detecting counterfeit or potentially counterfeit currency:

- Compare the questionable item to a genuine bill. (texture/feel/size)
- Look for the security strip and thread
- Look for the Watermark
- Look for the Red/Blue Fibers
- Color Shifting Ink
- Lastly, check with a Counterfeit Pen

Additionally, http://www.secretservice.gov/money_detect.shtml

The making/possessing/ or passing of counterfeit currency is a Class C Felony under NYS Law and can carry a maximum sentence of up to fifteen years in prison. Under Federal Law the charge carries a maximum sentence of up to twenty years in prison, and a \$250,000.00 fine.

If you have information regarding this investigation please contact the Auburn Police Department, Det. Bergenstock (315) 258-9880, or (non emergency) (315) 253-3231. Callers may remain anonymous.

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